

change line 17 to --"living" springs made from the plastic moulding of the mounting part of the bobbin--; and

line 18, change "b" to --12b--.

Page 20, line 1, change "in" to --from--, and between "card" and the "." insert --board--;

line 6, between "card" and "or" insert --board--;

line 17, change "like" to --in a manner--;

~~Ne~~ line 17, change "ot" to --to--; and

line 29, between "tape" and "could" insert --14--.

Page 21, line 3, change "d" to --14d--; and

line 5, change "ie." to --i.e.--.

Pages 22, 23 and 24 delete in their entirety.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-23 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

Please add the following new claims:

24. A tape cassette for accommodating a supply of printable tape and suitable for being detachably loaded in a tape printing device, the tape cassette having: means for inserting and removing a tape supply into said tape cassette; and means whereby said tape cassette is capable of selectively accommodating tape supplies of different tape width.

25. The tape cassette according to claim 24, wherein said means for inserting and removing comprises a plurality of posts and an equal plurality of bobbins releasably

accommodated on a respective one of said posts, each of said bobbins defining a surface and each of said posts having a datum surface which interacts with said surface of its respective bobbin such that it defines the position of said bobbin in the axial direction of said post.

26. The tape cassette according to claim 24, wherein the tape is at least one of an ink ribbon tape and an image receiving tape, and wherein said image receiving tape comprises an image receiving layer and a releasable backing layer.

27. The tape cassette according to claim 26, wherein said means for inserting and removing comprises a plurality of posts and an equal plurality of bobbins releasably accommodated on a respective one of said posts, each of said bobbins defining a surface and each of said posts having a datum surface which interacts with said surface of its respective bobbin such that it defines the position of said bobbin in the axial direction of said post.

28. The tape cassette according to claim 25, wherein tapes of different widths are associated with said bobbins, and wherein said surfaces of said bobbins are positioned so that the center line of the tapes is located in the same plane, independent of the width of the tape.

29. The tape cassette according to claim 25, wherein each of said bobbins defines an internal flange, and wherein a rib is defined by one of said posts and bobbins which rib mates with said internal flange of said bobbin so that said bobbin is releasably retained on its respective post.

30. The tape cassette according to claim 29, wherein tapes of different widths are associated with said bobbins, and wherein said surfaces of said bobbins are positioned so that the center line of the tapes is located in the same plane independent of the width of the tape.

31. The tape cassette according to claim 24, said tape cassette further having: a

housing; and a spring located between a respective bobbin and a part of said housing, and spring shipping on one of said housing and said bobbin, each said spring providing a back tension to the tape of its respective bobbin.

32. The tape cassette according to claim 31, wherein each spring is unitary with one of said associated bobbin and said housing.

33. The tape cassette according to claim 31, wherein each bobbin includes a flange, wherein each spring interacts with said flange of its respective bobbin, and wherein the relative position of said flange with respect to its associated post, and thus the backward tension applied to the tape by said associated spring is a function of the width of the tape.

34. The tape cassette according to claim 33, wherein each spring is unitary with one of said associated bobbin and said housing.

35. The tape cassette according to claim 24, said tape cassette further having: a housing including a base on which the tape supply can be releasably fixed, said base having a bottom surface which extends orthogonally to a center plane of said tape supply, said tape supply being releasably retained on said bottom surface, and wherein said tape supply is freely accessible from the side of said base opposite to said bottom surface, said tape cassette having thereby the form of an open chassis without a lid.

36. The tape cassette according to claim 35, said tape cassette further having: a lid situated opposite to said bottom surface, and wherein the distance between said bottom surface and said lid varies with the width of the tape.

37. The tape cassette according to claim 36, said tape cassette further having: a pin, wherein one of said base and said lid has a hole for accommodating said pin, said pin serving

to guide said lid relative to said base.

**B** 38. The tape cassette according to claim <sup>51</sup>~~36~~, said tape cassette further having: at least one clip for securing said lid to said base, wherein said clips are located on one of said lid and said base, and wherein said clips interacts with a surface on one of said lid and said base and said interaction is a function of the tape width.

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39. The tape cassette according to claim 26, wherein said means for inserting and removing includes a supply spool and a take-up spool, and a holder, said supply spool and said take-up spool being fixed to said holder such that their relative position corresponds to their position when they are inserted in said tape cassette, and wherein said ink ribbon is provided on said supply spool and said take-up spool.

40. The tape cassette according to claim 39, wherein said holder comprises means for defining a path for said ink ribbon tape, said defined path corresponding to the path of said ink ribbon when it is inserted into said tape cassette.

41. The tape cassette according to claim 39, wherein said supply spool and said take-up spool for said ink ribbon are releasably secured by said holder against rotation, such that said tape cassette is in an operable state when said ink ribbon is mounted in said tape cassette, but released from said holder.

42. The tape cassette according to claim 41, said tape cassette further having: tear-off tape, and wherein said supply spool and said take-up spool of said ink ribbon are fixed to said holder by said tear-off tape.

43. The tape cassette according to claim 39, wherein said holder comprises a lid covering at least a part of said tape <sup>cassette</sup>~~cassette~~.

44. The tape cassette according to claim 24, said tape cassette further having: a housing including a base on which the tape supply can be releasably fixed, said base having a bottom surface which extends parallel to a center plane of said tape supply, and a lid situated opposite to said bottom surface, and wherein said tape supply is releasably fixed to said lid.

45. The tape cassette according to claim 44, wherein said lid comprises material situated between said tape supply and the outer surface of said lid such that the distance between the bottom of said tape cassette and the surface of said lid opposite said base is independent of the width of said tape.

46. A tape cassette for accommodating a supply of printable tape which is suitable for being detachably loaded in a tape printing device, the tape cassette having: a housing comprising a base on which the tape supply can be releasably fixed, a hinge, and a lid fixed to said base by means of said hinge.

47. The tape cassette according to claim 46, wherein said base, said lid and said hinge are formed to be unitary.

48. A tape supply unit, comprising a wound tape, said tape supply unit being suitable for being detachably loaded in one of a tape cassette, a tape printing device and a tape cassette and a tape printing device, wherein the respective windings of the tape are held together by one of a strip of wax and an adhesive provided on the axial end of said tape supply unit.

49. A tape supply unit, comprising a wound image receiving tape, said tape supply unit being suitable for being detachably loaded in one of a tape cassette, a tape printing device and a tape cassette and a tape printing device, wherein said image receiving tape comprises an image receiving layer of a first width and a releasable backing layer of a second width, said second width